HOUSE RESOLUTION 180 By Dunn

A RESOLUTION relative to Tennessee's Bicentennial celebration.

WHEREAS, a group of early western pioneers settled in the mountains of North Carolina known as the Territory of the United States of America South of the Ohio River and led by John Sevier, convened on January 11, 1796, in Knoxville to form a new government and a new state; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1796, President George Washington made this territory the 16th state of the Union by signing the bill that created the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans, proud of their heritage and devoted to their future, have forged ahead in areas of leadership, bravery, and the arts and sciences; and

WHEREAS, after a century of existence, the citizens of the state celebrated in Nashville at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition by reflecting on the past, looking to the future of technology and social issues, and otherwise celebrating in a fashion imitated by generations of celebration planners to come; and

WHEREAS, the closing of Tennessee's second century is an appropriate time for recognition of our achievements, commemoration of an anniversary, and anticipation of new beginnings; and

WHEREAS, in this the year of Tennessee's Bicentennial celebration, and in keeping with the tradition of the Centennial Exposition, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to encourage our citizens to take part in these special festivities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That this General Assembly hereby urges and encourages all citizens of Tennessee to participate in the year-long celebration of Tennessee's Bicentennial with special regard for Statehood Day on June 1, 1996.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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